

SENATE BILL 2952

By Barnes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 14 and Title 49, relative to high school completion.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-3-3___. The department of education shall allocate funding to nonprofit organizations that are approved, certified or licensed by the department, or approved by a court, that are funded by a state or federal grant and that provide educational services to students who are under eighteen (18) years of age, who are in the custody of the department of children's services and who are obtaining a GED credential to signify completion of high school. The commissioner shall pay to the organization an amount equal to the per pupil state and local funds received by the LEA where the nonprofit organization is located. The total amount of the payments shall be deducted by the commissioner from the total state payments that would otherwise be made under this part to the LEA.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.